

**Amendments to the Abstract**

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-- The invention relates to a method for optimized tracking of an optical scanner along a track (~~1L, 1G~~) of an optical recording medium, the track having information markings (~~3~~) arranged in dense succession, and also having fundamental changes in properties (~~1L/1G, 1G/1L~~) in significantly lower density. The method has the following steps: formation of a track error signal (~~TE, TECL, PPTE~~), detection of the occurrence of fundamental changes in properties of the track (~~1L, 1G~~), formation of an offset value (~~TO~~) from the comparison of the value of the track error signal (~~TE, TECL, PPTE~~) that occurs shortly before and shortly after the fundamental change in properties, formation of the track error signal (~~TE, TECL, PPTE~~), taking account of the offset value (~~TO~~) and repetition of the aforementioned steps.

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